

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for use by a purchaser in performing wireless point-of-sale purchase transactions comprising:  
  
a short range communications device for wirelessly transceiving point-of-sale purchase information between said short range communications device and a vendor device located at a point-of-sale from and selectively wirelessly forwarding authorization information received from an authorization provider to a said point-of-sale wireless vendor device; and  
  
an input device electrically coupled to the short range communication device to allow the user to authenticate the user's identity and provide the purchase information as required by the authorization provider. ~~to authorize a purchase transaction.~~
2. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a display electrically coupled to the short range communication device.
3. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a biometric input device electrically coupled to the short range communication device.
4. (previously cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A system for use in a wireless purchasing environment, wherein an electronic receipt is generated by a purchaser device at a point-of-sale, the system comprising:

an authorization processor;

a purchaser device for selectively wirelessly exchanging point-of-sale purchase information with a vendor device and selectively forwarding authorization information received from the authorization processor to the vendor device using short range communication; and

a vendor device for wirelessly communicating with the purchaser device to complete a purchase transaction. ~~transmitting a request for authorization to the authorization processor, and for receiving authorization from the authorization processor.~~

6. (previously cancelled)

7. (previously amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the purchaser device is a wireless purchaser device.

8. (previously amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the purchaser device further comprises a bio-metric input device for user identification.

9. (currently amended) In a system that includes a purchaser device and an authorization processor, a method for performing wireless point-of-sale purchase transactions, the method comprising the steps for:

wirelessly receiving on a purchaser device an offer for purchase from a ~~wireless~~ vendor device;

initiating a request, at said purchaser device, to an authorization processor for authorization of a the purchase;

~~forwarding said request to said wireless vendor device;~~

~~transmitting, via said wireless vendor device, said request for authorization of said purchase to an authorization processor;~~

~~receiving and processing a response at the wireless vendor device from the authorization processor~~ at the purchaser device, wherein the response includes a denial if the purchase is not authorized by the authorization processor, and wherein the response includes an approval if the purchase is authorized by the authorization processor; and

selectively wirelessly transmitting the approval from said ~~wireless vendor purchaser~~ device to said ~~purchaser vendor~~ device to complete the purchase.

10. (previously amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising at least one of the steps for:

- (i) using a bio-metric input device to identify a user;
- (ii) using a password to identify the user.

11. (previously amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the step for transmitting the approval includes the step for using a short range wireless transceiver.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the step for ~~transmitting~~ initiating the request includes the step for using a long range, wireless communications device.

13. (currently amended) In a system that includes a purchaser device, an authorization processor, and a vendor device, a method for performing a wireless point-of-sale purchase transaction, the method comprising the steps for:

automatically establishing a wireless communication between the vendor device  
and the purchaser device;

communicating a vendor identification and a purchase price for one or more items  
to the purchaser device via the wireless connection;

initiating a request at the ~~vendor-purchaser~~ device for authorization from the  
authorization processor to purchase the items;

receiving a denial at the ~~vendor-purchaser~~ device if said purchase is not  
authorized by the authorization processor; and

receiving an approval at the ~~vendor-purchaser~~ device from the authorization  
processor if the purchase is authorized by the authorization processor;

~~transmitting the approval from the vendor device to the purchaser device for user  
approval of said purchase; and~~

selectively wirelessly forwarding from said purchaser device authorization of said purchase to said vendor device.

14. (previously amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the step for initiating a request and the steps for receiving each utilize a long range communications device.

15. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the long range communications device is a wireless device.

16. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said long range communications device is integral to the purchaser device.

17. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the long range communications device is external to the purchaser device and selectively operated by a user of the purchaser device.

18. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the long range communications device includes a wireless phone.

19. (previously cancelled)

20. (previously cancelled)

21. (previously added) The method of claim 13, wherein the step for initiating a request comprises the step for combining the vendor identification and the purchase price with information corresponding to a vendor purchaser account to create the request.

22. (previously added) The method of claim 13, wherein the step for receiving an approval further comprises the step for initiating a transfer of funds from the purchaser account to a vendor account for payment of the purchase.

23. (previously added) The method of claim 13, wherein the step for establishing a wireless connection occurs when the vendor device enters a communication range with the purchaser device.

24. (previously added) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step for identifying user identity by providing at least one of:

- (i) a password; and
- (ii) a biometric input.